

# COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

## LIBERTYVILLE

Jeff and Ralph Hughes were visitors in this community one day last week.

Chas. Sebastian of near Pleasant Hill passed through here one day last week.

Mrs. Kink attended a sale near Avon last week.

Cyrus Holmes and wife have been on the sick list.

Mrs. F. M. Biggs has been visiting relatives in Flat River the past week.

Mrs. Ralph Tillman, who has been in St. Louis taking treatment for some time, is at home now for a few weeks.

Willie and Mamie Ragsdale attended the entertainment and candy sale last Saturday night and visited Ruth and Virgil Moore Sunday.

Clarence and Tucker Boyd of Avon motored through here one day this week.

Lloyd Ferguson and Monroe Lewis unloaded a car of corn at St. William last week.

Will Weatherington, who works at Flat River, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family here.

Mrs. Will Simpson was on the sick list last week.

Misses Phelma Keith and Audell Cashion spent the week-end with home folks.

Lee Parker of Fredericktown was in this community one day last week and bought a fine calf from N. A. Kinhead.

John Gordon and wife of near Pleasant Hill spent last Sunday at the home of A. J. Bell.

Robt. Moran and wife of Bonne Terre spent last Sunday with "Uncle" John Moran and wife.

Wm. Lenz of Cross Roads spent last Sunday afternoon with H. B. Presnell and family and was accompanied home by his daughter, Dora, who had been visiting there the last few days.

Misses Edna Bailey and Anetta Klein of Farmington spent a few days last week with Violet and Lucile Simpson.

Philip Ponder of near East Prairie was in this community last week and bought a fine team of mules from J. E. Burns and H. B. Presnell.

Ivan McKenzie of Farmington has been spending the past week with his grandparents here, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McKenzie.

P. A. Cashion and P. G. Keith shipped some fine cattle last Monday to St. Louis.

Yount Cashion, who has been in Oklahoma the past two years, met his father in St. Louis and accompanied him home.

Violet Simpson is spending a few days this week in Farmington visiting friends.

Mr. Whitby of Illinois was a business visitor in this community last week.

Mrs. E. O. and Mrs. H. B. Presnell visited Mrs. G. N. Baker at Farmington last Monday.

Mrs. H. M. McKenzie spent a few days with relatives here this week.

## LEADWOOD

A five passenger Reo, driven by Carl O'Farrel of Bonne Terre, overturned near Leadwood Tuesday. Fortunately, none of the occupants were seriously hurt, the little son of Mr. O'Farrel sustaining a broken shoulder.

He was rushed to the Bonne Terre hospital and is getting along nicely.

Miss Mary R. Turley of Valle Mines spent Saturday and Sunday last at the home of her aunt here.

Luavie Jackson was an out-of-town visitor Sunday.

Elmer Clark made a trip to Bonne Terre Sunday.

Mrs. Hopkins, who was reported last week to be seriously ill, is able to be up at this writing.

Carliss Province motored to Fredericktown on Monday of this week.

Rosecoe Blake transacted business in St. Louis Saturday and Sunday.

Everett Morris, who has been confined to his bed for two months, is able to be out again, we are glad to state.

Miss Dixie Moyer left for her home in Washington county Saturday, after spending several weeks here with friends.

John Hodge had professional business in Bonne Terre Monday.

Ivan Mackey stepped on a nail last Sunday, receiving a painful injury to his foot.

Mrs. Caroline Hoffman is sick with la grippe at this writing.

Geo. Taylor of Doe Run visited his son, John, Thursday and Friday of last week.

Leslie Penberthy of Hickory Grove was a Leadwood visitor the latter part of last week.

Geo. Turner moved from Mill street to his fine new residence on School street last week.

Mrs. Oscar Penberthy and sons, Tollman and Vernon, of Mitchell visited Mrs. John Taylor the latter part of last week.

A. P. Goodin and sons, Paul and Donnel motored to St. Louis Monday and attended the Automobile Show there.

Mrs. Henry Lawson and children spent the latter part of last week with friends in the country near Big River.

George Walter Hicks the mysterious boy who was nicked up some two months ago without memory, is still in our town.

## AVON

A little snow storm passed over this region Tuesday, which reminded us of winter again.

Plowing and oat-sowing is the order of the day.

Mrs. Marion Wright is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gordon and Pearl Frizell spent Sunday at the home of Thomas Allen and family.

Miss Nell Reeves of Marquand is on an extended visit with relatives near this place.

There will be a box supper and entertainment at the Avon school next Saturday night a week, March 10th. A good time is promised all who attend.

Miss Irene Smith spent the week-end with friends near Stubb Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Blackledge were guests of Emmett Boyd and wife Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rodgers and baby, Lester, spent Saturday night with Mrs. Rodgers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Goveau, of River Aux Vases.

Tucker Boyd was a Fredericktown visitor Tuesday.

Rev. J. M. Bailey of Farmington was called to the bedside of Samuel Haney last Sunday, who is very low.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price and little daughters, Mary and Patsy, spent Sunday with Mrs. Price's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Strahman, and family of Libertyville.

Quite a few from this vicinity attended the entertainment, which was given at the Higdon school Saturday night. All report a good time.

Mrs. E. M. Smith was a guest at the home of J. Ed McDaniel last Friday.

Mrs. Carl Valle and little son, Carl Jr., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Boyd, at this writing.

Several from this community attended the box supper which was given at the Oak Grove school Friday evening.

A large crowd was present, a good program was rendered and the boxes sold reasonably well. A cake was given for the most popular young lady and was won by Miss Viola Harter.

Miss Laura Goveau of River Aux Vases is on a brief visit with relatives near this place.

Miss Estella Gordon was a guest at the Rodgers home Sunday afternoon.

The saw mill owned and operated by Watt Thumore and son is now located at this place and doing some excellent sawing.

Quite a few friends of Geo. W. Biri of near New Church agreeably surprised him by gathering at his home on Thursday evening of last week.

Feb. 22, and most pleasantly spent a few hours in singing and making music, the occasion being his 57th birthday anniversary. Excellent music was rendered on the organ and violin.

All departed at a late hour, declaring that they had spent an enjoyable evening and wishing Mr. Biri many happy returns of the day.

## DOE RUN

Miss Beulah Harvey was visiting in Flat River Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Brewen and daughter, Mary, were visiting relatives in Flat River Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Stone of Farmington were visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Hertz Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Breman and child were visiting his aunt, Mrs. Thos. Burks.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brim moved here Tuesday from Bismarck.

Mrs. Charlotte Rhodes returned home Tuesday from a visit with Miss Murray.

Frank Scott of Flat River was visiting his son, Robert, and wife Monday.

Dick and Edward McLeod were visiting their brother, Jesse McLeod, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henrich spent Sunday with P. P. Gruner and family.

Miss Orella Zimmer of Festus was visiting relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Joseph Crader was born in Bollinger county Jan. 22, 1845, and died at his home here Feb. 20, 1917, being 72 years, 8 months and 28 days of age. He was married to Miss Sarah Acuff in 1868, and to this union nine children were born—four sons and five daughters.

One son preceded him in death. The living are Mrs. Hannah Rader of Joplin, Mrs. Mary Eaves of Desloge, Mrs. Eunice Degraat of Elvins, Mrs. Lela Howard of St. Louis, Mrs. Lizzie Thurman of Denver, Colo., and R. L. Crader of St. Louis. He leaves 27 grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. E. Fields at the M. E. Church Wednesday, after which the remains were laid at rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

## CROSS ROADS

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodeman Fraysher moved to Mine La Motte Monday to reside. We are sorry to lose these good people from our community.

Several from here attended the entertainment and candy sale at Libertyville Saturday night.

There will be church here next Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

We have been having some more winter weather.

A. E. Green was a Fredericktown visitor Thursday.

Emmett Walker of Mill Creek was in this vicinity on business Thursday.

Mrs. John Wright went to St. Louis last Friday to visit relatives.

Miss Dora Lenz spent the latter part of last week at Libertyville, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Presnell.

Willie Ragsdale and Burl Porter of near Farmington spent last Thursday night with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lenz and family.

Miss Viola Kennon of Mine La Motte spent the past week with her father.

Mrs. Wm. Tessreau is reported to be on the sick list with la grippe.

Mrs. Joseph Vessels was shopping in Mine La Motte Monday.

Howard Umfleet's house was destroyed by fire last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lewis of Libertyville were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Miss Tina Wright returned to her home here Monday.

Wm. Lenz was a Libertyville visitor Sunday evening.

There was church at the Church of God last Sunday.

Gus Vessels of Claryville is the guest of his father.

The farmers are preparing to sow oats.

Box Supper and Spelling Match.

The box supper and spelling match at the Cross Roads school house on last Thursday night, Feb. 22, and conducted by the teacher, M. W. Crowder, was a swell affair and a grand success in every way. The school

house was crowded even to standing room, as the weather was ideal and the roads fine. After the spelling contest, Lawson McLarney of near here was called on to sell the boxes, which went like hot cakes, and brought the snug sum of \$7.75, and then a fine cake baked by Miss Dora Lenz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lenz, was auctioned off to the most popular young lady present. Miss Margaret Stepp of the Libertyville school and Miss Nellie Barron of the Rock Creek school were placed in nomination, and the voting of 5 cents each was the most spirited this writer ever saw, and continued without any abatement until the cake brought the unprecedented sum of \$6.65. Miss Stepp finally winning out. Miss Stepp then most graciously cut and divided the cake among her host of friends, and it was the consensus of opinion that it was as fine a cake as ever was tasted in this section and that never before did the name of two worthier young ladies come before an assembly to decide who should "get the cake," and never did a worthier young lady win or a worthier one lose. The entire proceeds amounted to the sum of \$21.60. Another cake was auctioned off to the most popular young man. Floyd Umfleet won this cake. This sum will be used to buy supplementary books, etc. Thus has passed into history one of the best box suppers this writer ever attended.

## KNOB LICK

Winter weather again.

Mrs. Parmley and daughter, Margo, returned Monday from a visit in the Lead Belt.

Mr. Gray made a business trip to Fredericktown Tuesday.

Lee Vanamberg returned Saturday from a visit with his parents in Lutesville.

John McDowell of the Lead Belt visited home folks here Saturday and Sunday.

Chas. Murphy, who had been away for some time, has come back to our town to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hughes and little daughter, Mary, of Bismarck were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hughes the latter part of the week.

Mrs. M. Grady and son, James, left

the from our town Monday.

Miss Mabel Elbricht, who is attending business college in Farmington, paid her mother a short visit last week.

Cora Wampler left Tuesday for Farmington.

James Lowe visited relatives here Sunday.

Misses Byrdia and Maude Sutherland were shopping in Fredericktown Tuesday.

## PRIMROSE

Mrs. E. F. Meyer of Bonne Terre was a guest at the home of Alfred Cole one day last week.

Mr. Richardson of near here was a Bonne Terre visitor Saturday.

Those who were entertained at the home of Wm. A. Moon Sunday were: Miss Blanche Rawson of Bonne Terre, Messrs. Lass Cash, Manuel, Moses and Fenton Rawson.

Charley Lawson of Desloge spent Saturday and Sunday here with home folks.

Robert Boring made a trip to Bonne Terre Saturday.

Misses Annie Moon and Blanche Rawson, Messrs. Samuel Jones and Delbert Pettes spent Saturday night at the home of Wm. Rawson.

Miss Nellie Moon of Bonne Terre spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

The weather is rather blustery at this writing.

Willis Moon was a Bonne Terre visitor last Saturday morning.

Misses Mary Cash, Lela Pratte, Nellie and Beulah Moon; Messrs. Lee Snyder, Ronald Pratte, Henry Lawson, Jake Murphy and Andy Snyder attended services at the Baptist Church in Bonne Terre Sunday night.

Jake Moses made a trip to Bonne Terre the fore part of the week.

Rev. R. G. Ramsey of Flat River didn't fill his appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Bertha Blackwell and two brothers, Howard and Clarence, were guests at the home of Morris Jones Sunday.

Kenneth Thurman of near Prospect motored out to Bonne Terre Tuesday evening on business.

We have been informed that John Murphy, Jr., of near Melzo has purchased an automobile.

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Thursday for their home in Desloge, after a short visit with relatives here.

Mr. Geo. Raines of Farmington was a Knob Lick visitor last week.

W. C. Dickey, who has been ticket agent for the Iron Mountain depot of this place, was transferred to Lutesville. We were sorry to lose Mr. Dickey, but we also welcome Mr. Green of White Water, who has come to release him.

Miss Grace Snyder returned Sunday from Desloge.

Mrs. D. F. Draper, accompanied by D. Snyder, visited relatives in Mine La Motte last week.

Noah Hibbitts of Desloge visited home folks here Sunday.

The people of our community gladly welcome Robert Hibbitts as road-overseer.

Mrs. Pat Acuff and children of Mine La Motte were Knob Lick visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Long, accompanied by Elsie and Doris Robinson, visited her parents at Bonne Terre last week.

Miss McGuire visited home folks in Elvins Saturday.

Mac Bayless of Desloge spent Sunday with home folks here.

Mrs. Ferguson of Cross Roads visited her sister, Mrs. H. Marlow, Sunday.

Ben Nixon and wife were Desloge visitors Tuesday.

Miss Ada Arnold, who has been visiting relatives here, left Monday for St. Francois.

Hugh McDowell left Monday for Desloge.

Brad Parmley returned Sunday from Elvins.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Newkirk of Desloge were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hibbitts, here Sunday.

Joseph Bayless left Monday for Flat River, where he has employment.

J. W. Laird of Elvins is visiting friends here at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McDowell of Desloge were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bayless Saturday and Sunday.

This snow and cold weather is not very encouraging for those who have been making preparations for farming.

Ed Snyder of near Doe Run was a Knob Lick visitor Saturday.

Plena Keith and Mr. Cashion of Libertyville shipped two cars of cat-

Clinton Parks called at the home of John Pinkston last Thursday evening.

D. E. Hartshorn and family, Miss Nellie Byington, and Marion Haynes spent last Sunday with Mr. Hartshorn's brother, Carr, of Elvins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Short and granddaughters, Miss Edith Weiss, visited the home of B. F. Casteel last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Horton attended church at Three Rivers Sunday.

Geo. Humphrey, our new road overseer, and son, Ed, were working the Sugar Grove lane one day this week.

Dan Haynes and Jake Williams are our champion cord wood choppers at the present. They are too modest to allow us to state the amount they cut last week.

Peter Zolman and wife spent last Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. H. Noltkemper.

Quite a number of people of this neighborhood are attending the Union meetings at the various churches in Farmington this week.

Those who spent last Sunday evening at the home of Harry Noltkemper were: Misses Blanche and Helen Haynes, Blanche Pinkston, Verona Blomeyer and Anna Niedert; Messrs. Clinton Parks, Dan Haynes, Herman Niedert, Emmett London and Eugene Williams.

Miss Nellie Byington and her friend, Marion Haynes, visited her parents, of the Three Rivers neighborhood, last Tuesday evening.

T. V. Swearingen lost a fine young heifer Sunday.

## ROUTE 3

Mrs. Chas. Lang and children of Flat River spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Walter Miller.

Geo. Smith of Oak Grove spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother, Zeno Smith, of Sprott.

Mr. and Mrs. James Womack, Miss Thelma Hammors and Perry Hammors, Noah and Roy Wampler attended the box supper at Sprott. They say the program was fine.

Misses Hazel and Beulah Wampler of Flat River spent the week-end with friends and relatives of Oak Grove.

Mrs. Francis Lee of this route is moving to Flat River this week.

J. C. Harter of Flat River spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Harter.

Hugh Wampler of Farmington spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mary Wampler.

Emmett Womack of Sprott spent Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Womack.

Tommy Lee of Flat River spent Sunday with relatives of this route.

There was a party at Mr. Cowley's last Saturday night. A large number of young folks were there and all reported a jolly time.

Misses Elvie, Hazel and Beulah Wampler and Luvinia Smith spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harter and family of this route.

The box supper and literary program given at Oak Grove on last Friday night was a success. There were about 23 boxes sold. Miss Viola Harter won the cake for the most popular young lady present, and Ernest Womack won the pipe for the laziest man present. The proceeds amounted to \$24. The school board is thinking of buying a book case for the school with the money.

Noah Hammors and sister, Miss Maryann Hammors, made a business trip to Ste. Genevieve last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Vaughn and sons, Paul and Allen, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jo. Watts.

## ROUTE 4

Alvin Feasel, who has been a guest at the home of Mr. Scott the past week, left for his home in Postoria, Ohio.

Miss Winifred Scott spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tiches and family of Flat River.

Miss Annie Scott gave a reception for her friends on this route in honor of Alvin Feasel of Postoria, Ohio, one evening the first of the week.

## ROUTE 5

The Illinois Southern train, last Sunday night, set fire to Mrs. J. Q. McGee's field. By the help of some of her neighbors, that came and fought the fire, it was kept from getting to her residence.

Miss Odell Patton of Ironton spent the week-end with Miss Mary Ball, and attended the box supper and entertainment at Sprott, given by the Burks school.

Billy Smith's family are quarantined with small pox.

Miss Emily Elgasser is spending a few weeks visiting relatives in St. Louis.

The entertainment given at Sprott by the Burks school was quite a success. Miss Mary Kate Ball got the cake for the most popular young lady, and Tom Wheeler for the laziest man.

It would be a great thing for this community if they would all try